

## Message Text

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SUBJ: MORE REFUGEES LEAVE SONGKHLA CAMP, ALLEGEDLY HEADED FOR  
AUSTRALIA

REF: BANGKOK 7398

THIS FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT FROM SONGKHLA TO BANGKOK  
H/W REPEAT TO YOUR POST

QUOTE

REF: SONGKHLA 0112

1. APPROXIMATELY 51 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES STOLE TWO BOATS,  
RG0632 AND VNKG 1221, THE NIGHT OF MARCH 11 SUPPOSEDLY HEADING FOR  
AUSTRALIA. THE EXACT NUMBER WHO LEFT IS NOT YET KNOWN. ALMOST ALL  
OF THE REFUGEES ABOARD WERE SINGLE YOUNG MEN WHO DESPAIRED OF  
EVER LEAVING THE SONGKHLA CAMP FOR A THIRD COUNTRY. THE NAMES OF  
THE 51 KNOWN TO HAVE LEFT WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.

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2. AFTER OFFER MADE BY DISTRICT CHIEF REFTTEL, ABOUT 175 REFUGEES  
IN CAMP INDICATED DESIRE TO GO TO AUSTRALIA. THE CAMP COMMANDANT  
WAS IN PROCESS OF ASKING PERMISSION FROM PROVINCE OFFICIALS FOR  
THESE 175 TO LEAVE WHEN 51 SNUCK OUT OF SONGKHLA. THOSE NOT ON  
BOARD WERE UPSET AS WERE POLICE GUARDS AT CAMP AND DISTRICT POLICE  
CHIEF THIS INCIDENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO MORE PROBLEMS AND  
AN EVEN GRATER LOWERING OF THE MORALE OF THE REFUGEES IN CAMP.

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